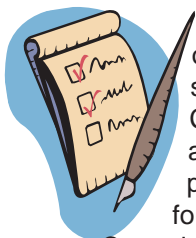


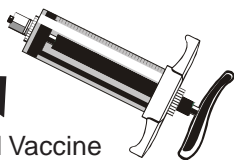
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VVFC ACCOUNTABILITY



FQHC's and RHC's (PIN beginning with an F or A), please remember that it is very important to submit your Accountability Reports to the VVFC Central Office each month. Also, make sure you are using the updated forms located on the CD provided at your site visit; these forms can also be found on the VVFC website. If you need to call the Central Office with a question regarding your Accountability Report, knowing your PIN will expedite the process. **Private facilities** (PIN beginning with a P), be on the look out for your yearly Tally Report in the upcoming months.

VACCINE DISTRIBUTION



Enclosed, you will find VVFC's updated Vaccine Order Form. You should note that there have been some changes regarding certain vaccine availability. Vaqta, Comvax, and Proquad are still not available. PedvaxHib is still available; however, there is a limited supply. Providers should limit their orders to a one month supply until further notice. Also, the fourth dose of TriHibit should only be given to those patients considered high risk, as stated in the MMWR interim recommendations.

FYI, there was a shipping delay on any order that was placed at the end of December due to the CDC having technical problems. If this delay has effected your VVFC vaccine supply, you may place another order.

As a reminder, orders take between 2-3 weeks for delivery.

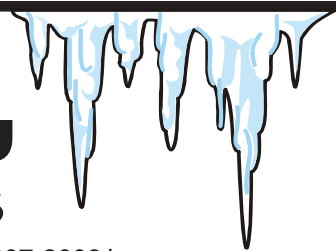
VACCINE WASTAGE

To minimize vaccine wastage, we are asking providers to transfer vaccines to other providers in their area. If your facility is overstocked or has vaccine that is going to expire, please contact the Central Office and we will assist you in contacting a VVFC provider in your area.

Remember to keep a couple McKesson boxes on hand in order to return expired vaccines. McKesson containers are supposed to have UPS labels that are revealed when the flaps are reversed to expedite non-viable returns.



2008 FLU ORDERS



Influenza season 2007-2008 is coming to a close and it is already time to think about next season! The 2008-2009 flu season is just around the corner and once again, VVFC will be taking advanced influenza vaccine orders. Enclosed, you will find a VVFC Influenza Vaccine Advanced Order Form. This is the only order form you will need to fill out to receive VVFC influenza vaccine for the 2008-2009 season. Unless you plan on holding flu clinics outside your regular office hours, vaccine for non-routine immunization clinics must be requested on a separate form. Please call the call the VVFC office to request one. **You must return this from to VVFC by the close of business, Friday, March 31, 2008.**

The Influenza Vaccine Information Statements for 2008-2009 have not been published, so we will be including them in a future BackPage once they are produced by CDC (Aug/Sept).



QA UPDATES

All providers, be on the look out for a new Quality Assurance Evaluation Form along with updated policies. Your regional consultant will be reviewing this information with you at your next QA site visit. There is no need to take immediate action as your consultant will be addressing these changes.

VVFC AWARDS

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